January 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Ball. Roll Call was taken and the following members were present: Roy Brommer, Bob Cook, Edward Koziol, Cheryl Fain, Marlene Hocevar and Mark Reighard. Also present were Solicitor Kyle Smith, Village Administrator Kevin Grippi and Clerk-Treasurer Leeann Moses.

MINUTES TO THE PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by Roy Brommer, seconded by Ed Koziol, to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2014 and January 13, 2015, meetings. The motion passed with all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion was made by Cheryl Fain, seconded by Roy Brommer, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion passed with all in favor. The Village made the final payment on the sewer plant purchase loan and received a copy of the paid off note, which was signed by Cheryl Fain, as the Clerk-Treasurer.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: Bob Gregory stated that our water tower is very visible and perhaps it could be painted and enhanced with the Village logo. He also suggested that Council consider changing the date of the annual spring cleanup day to after the annual garage sales in June.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor gave the annual state of the Village yearend report listing the accomplishments achieved and upcoming goals for 2015. The Village improved communication with our residents with reverse 911 system and the eblast notices, improvement to the water tower, repairs to the dam spillway, cracks in Village owned roadways repaired and lift station improvements. Also, Safety training and equipment purchases for the utility employees, the purchase of a sewer jet and the hosting of a very successful fund raiser for our Police department which allowed the purchase of additional safety equipment. Plans for 2015 include the hiring of additional Police officers, the purchase of a new police cruiser, installation of fiber optics, the next stage of lift station improvement, sewer line replacement on Rome Terrace, upgrading the lighting on the Boulevard and adding new technology to map the water/sewer system. We begin the year e being mindful of the prudent use of your tax dollars, and strive to do more with innovative approaches to increase efficiency by which the Village provides service to our residents.

ROME ROCK ASSOCIATION LIASON REPORT: *Jim Swartz* reported on the recent actions and discussions which occurred at the latest Rome Rock Association.

VILLAGE ADMINSTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Kevin Grippi provided a written report highlighting projects underway, pending and planned for the future.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Rasmussen provided a written report of the miles travelled, gasoline consumption and complaints handled by the department for the month of December.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2015: Finance/Audit - Cheryl Fain and Ed Koziol, Personnel- Marlene Hocevar and Mark Reighard, Roads/Community Development - Holly Mayernick and Joe Palombi, Utility - Bob Cook, Jim Bentley and Mark Reighard, Safety - Roy Brommer, Ed Koziol, Todd Gress and Mark Reighard, SCAD Representative - Bob Cook and Ed Koziol, Planning/Zoning - John Ball, Marlene Hocevard, Judie Sylak, Holly Mayernick and Al Rubosky, Zoning Board of Appeals - Joe Palombi, Cindy Lovick, Sherry Sanson, Ron Morris and Jim Bentley, Records - John Ball, Leeann Moses, Doris Karger and Kyle Smith, Building - Sherrie Sanson, Jim Bentley, Ed Baitt, Cindy Lovick and Clarence AShburn, Lake Dam/Stormwater - Joe Palombi, Bob Cook and Rick Gainer, Union Cemetery Board - Cheryl Fain.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM: Roy Brommer made a motion, seconded by Mark Reighard, to elect Bob Cook as President Pro Tem. The motion passed with all in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Planning/Zoning - Kevin Grippi reported that the committee had been reviewed the Property Maintenance Code draft, and looking to amend the point system to include larger front door entries. Finance/Audit - Ed Koziol reported that the committee met prior to the meeting to approve payment of the bills. Lake Dam/Stormwater - nothing to report at this time. Personnel - nothing to report. Safety - Ed Koziol noted that the committee is working on the hiring of a new officer, purchase/lease of a new cruiser, and cross training with other departments within the county. SCAD/Utility - SCAD responded to 6 calls last month, 79 for the total in 2014. There was no Utility meeting in December. Roads/Community Development - nothing to report. Records - nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: There was none.

NEW BUSINESS: The Mayor added the Village received the annual agreement with the County Commissioners for EMA services, which he will sign and return.

ORDINANCE 598-04-14: Contract with Aqua Ohio for the purchase of Bulk Water (2^d) Tabled. Roy Brommer made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Fain, to take Ordinance 598-04-14 off the table. The motion passed with all in favor. The Ordinance was read for the second reading.

ORDINANCE 607-09-14: Ordinance to Update the Property Maintenance Code (3^{el}) Bob Cook made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Fain, to take Ordinance 607-09-14 off the table. The motion passed with all in favor. Cheryl Fain made a motion to pass Ordinance 607-09-14 for the third and final reading.

ANY OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS: There will be a meeting on February 9th at the Jefferson Village Hall to discuss setting a county-wide date and time for trick or treat. Cheryl Fain will represent the Village. (2) There will be a hearing at Kent State University in Ashtabula on January 22th at 6:00 PM to discuss the discharge of water into Lake Erie from an adjacent industry. (3) Jefferson Village was awarded money from the County Commissioners due to their curbside recycling program. The Mayor is going to check to see if our Village would qualify for this incentive award if curbside recycling was offered to our residents. (4) Kent State University, Trumbull campus, plans to offer a Public Safety Training program and is asking for a letter of support from the neighboring communities.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL OF PAYMENT: A motion was made by Cheryl Fain, seconded by Roy Brommer, to approve payment of the following bills: Ohio Municipal League - \$510.00, Ashtabula County Treasurer - \$18.00, E & J Glass - \$650.00, Ashtabula County Engineer - \$6,173.64, Illuminating Company - \$110.68, Lexis-Nexis - \$74.08, Nassief Ford Mercury - \$39.95, TAC Computers - \$100.00, Ashtabula City - \$2,250.00. The motion passed with all in favor.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: *Doris Karger* asked when fiber optics would be installed at the Village office. *In the spring of this year*.

ADJOURNMENT: Bob Cook made a motion, seconded by Roy Brommer, to adjourn the Regular session of Council to enter into Executive Session to discuss compensation for Utility employees. The motion passed with all in favor. A motion was made by Roy Brommer, seconded by Bob Cook, to adjourn the Executive Session. The motion passed with all in favor. A motion was made by Bob Cook, seconded by Cheryl Fain to adjourn the Regular Session of Council. The motion was passed with all in favor. Mayor Ball adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

MAYOR	CLERK-TREASURER